(c) the expected growth rate during the current year 2000-2001; and

(d) how it is comparable with the annual growth rate of industrial development of country during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated annual growth rate of production (at 1993-94 prices) in the Small Scale Industrial Sector was 8.43% in 1997-98, 7.7% in 1998-99 and 8.16% in 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) The estimated growth rate of production for the year 2000-2001 for SSI sector is 8.90%. As against this, the annual growth rate of industrial development of the country is estimated at 5.7% (Based on April-December 2000 data).

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3004. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fully funded the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) at Guwahati, Assam for providing training on entrepreneurship development;

(b) the number of training programmes conducted by IIE during the current financial year;

(c) whether there is any course for tribals and women; and

(d) if so, the success ratio in Assam and in other States of the North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year, till the end of February, 2001, the Institute had conducted 69 training programmes out of which 35 were entrepreneurship development programmes.

(c) Yes, Sir. 13 programmes for tribals and 2 programmes for women were conducted in the current financial year.

(d) The rate of success for programmes organised in Assam was 33.2 per cent whereas that for the North Eastern Region was about 30 per cent.

Major scandal in PMRY, SJRY loans

3005. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the "Lokmat Times" Nagpur Edition dated 18th January, 2001 under the heading "Major scandal in PMRY, SJRY loans";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard by Government for preventing such scandals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation which implements the Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has informed that the State Government of Maharashtra has not reported any scam in Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).

Regarding the case reported in the news report pertaining to the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, the matter is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation and depending upon the final report, action shall be initiated. However, under the guidelines of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, applicants can also directly approach the banks for obtaining loan. These guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments.